

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

FINANCIAL REPORT WITH
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Year Ended March 31, 2006

AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Local Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> City <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Government Name Township of Sweetwater	County Lake
Audit Date March 31, 2006	Opinion Date June 29, 2006	Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: July 18, 2006	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the *Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan* as revised.
2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below.

- ☐ yes ☒ no 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 6. The local unit has been delinquent distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
- ☐ yes ☒ no 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during they year).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241).
- ☐ yes ☒ no 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:

	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			X
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

June 29, 2006

To the Township Board
Township of Sweetwater
Lake County, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Township of Sweetwater, Lake County, Michigan as of and for the year ended March 31, 2006, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Township of Sweetwater's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Township of Sweetwater, Lake County, Michigan as of March 31, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Township has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, as of April 1, 2005.

The Management's Discussion and Analysis and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Township's basic financial statements. The other supporting information described in the accompanying table of contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, it is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Certified Public Accountants

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended March 31, 2006

The Management's Discussion and Analysis report of the Township of Sweetwater covers the Township's financial performance during the year ended March 31, 2006.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Our financial status remained stable over the last year. Net assets at March 31, 2006, totaled \$121,918.98 for governmental activities. Overall total capital assets remained the same.

Overall revenues were \$43,009.34. Governmental activities had a \$6,936.52 increase in net assets.

We did not incur any new debt.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts, management's discussion and analysis, the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two different kinds of statements that present different views of the Township and the notes to the financial statements.

The first two statements are entity-wide financial statements and provide both long and short-term information about our overall financial status. These statements present governmental activities.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements, which focus on individual parts of the Township in more detail.

The notes to the financial statements explain some of the information in the statements and provide more detailed data.

Required supplementary information further explains and supports the financial statement information with budgetary comparisons.

ENTITY-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The entity-wide statements report information about the Township as a whole using accounting methods used by private companies. The statement of net assets includes all of the Township's assets and liabilities. The statement of activities records all of the current year revenues and expenses regardless of when received or paid.

The two entity-wide statements report net assets and how they have changed. Net assets are the difference between the entity's assets and liabilities and this is one method to measure the entity's financial health or position.

Over time increases/decreases in the entity's net assets are an indicator of whether financial position is improving or deteriorating.

To assess overall health of the entity you may also have to consider additional factors such as tax base changes, facility conditions and personnel changes.

All of the activities of the Township are reported as governmental activities. This includes the General Fund and the Fire Fund.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the year ended March 31, 2006

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Township's funds, focusing on significant (major) funds not the Township as a whole. Funds are used to account for specific activities or funding sources. Some funds are required by law or bond covenants. The Township Board also may create them. Funds are established to account for funding and spending of specific financial resources and to show proper expenditures of those resources.

The Township has the following types of funds:

Governmental funds: All of the Township's activities are included in the governmental category. These funds are presented on the modified accrual basis, which is designed to show short-term financial information. You will note that the differences between the Township's entity-wide statements and the fund statements are disclosed in reconciling statements to explain the differences between them. The Township's governmental activities include the General Fund and the Fire Fund.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP AS A WHOLE

Our cash position in the governmental activities remains stable.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S FUNDS

The General Fund pays for most of the Township's governmental services. With total expenses of \$27,473.52.

CAPITAL ASSET AND LONG-TERM DEBT ACTIVITY

The Township's governmental activities did not invest in capital assets this year.

The Township has no debt at this time.

KNOWN FACTORS AFFECTING FUTURE OPERATIONS

There are no known factors that could effect future operations.

CONTACTING THE TOWNSHIP'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our taxpayers, creditors, investors and customers with a general overview of the Townships finances and to demonstrate the Township's accountability for the revenues it receives. If you have any questions concerning this report please contact the Township Supervisor, Paul Bisford at (231) 898-2633.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
March 31, 2006

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash in bank	102 024 58
Taxes receivable	<u>2 254 10</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>104 278 98</u>
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:	
Capital Assets	25 000 00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(7 360 00)</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>17 640 00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>121 918 98</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:	
LIABILITIES:	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	17 640 00
Unrestricted	<u>104 278 98</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>121 918 98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>121 918 98</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended March 31, 2006

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenue</u>	<u>Governmental Activities Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets</u>
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS			
Governmental Activities:			
Legislative	2 069 42	-	(2 069 42)
General government	20 258 28	2 610 66	(17 647 62)
Public safety	8 800 40	-	(8 800 40)
Public works	2 472 72	-	(2 472 72)
Other	2 472 00	-	(2 472 00)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>36 072 82</u>	<u>2 610 66</u>	<u>(33 462 16)</u>
General Revenues:			
Property taxes			16 736 47
Other taxes			3 837 66
State revenue sharing			17 267 35
Interest			2 131 82
Miscellaneous			425 38
Total General Revenues			<u>40 398 68</u>
Change in net assets			6 936 52
Net assets, beginning of year			<u>114 982 46</u>
Net Assets, End of Year			<u>121 918 98</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
March 31, 2006

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash in bank	94 541 63	7 482 95	102 024 58
Taxes receivable	<u>1 249 07</u>	<u>1 005 33</u>	<u>2 254 40</u>
Total Assets	<u>95 790 70</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>104 278 98</u>
<u>Liabilities and Fund Equity</u>			
Liabilities	-	-	-
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund equity:			
Fund balances:			
Unreserved:			
Undesignated	<u>95 790 70</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>104 278 98</u>
Total fund equity	<u>95 790 70</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>104 278 98</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>95 790 70</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>104 278 98</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
March 31, 2006

TOTAL FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS 104 278 98

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of
net assets are different because –

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and
therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet:

Capital assets at cost	25 000 00
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(7 360 00)</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS – GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES 121 918 98

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Year ended March 31, 2006

	<u>General</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues:			
Property taxes	8 248 19	8 488 28	16 736 47
Other taxes	3 837 66	-	3 837 66
State revenue sharing	17 267 35	-	17 267 35
Charges for services- PTAF	2 610 66	-	2 610 66
Interest	2 131 82	-	2 131 82
Miscellaneous	425 38	-	425 38
Total revenues	<u>34 521 06</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>43 009 34</u>
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	2 069 42	-	2 069 42
General government:			
Supervisor	4 918 99	-	4 918 99
Elections	22 00	-	22 00
Clerk	4 716 70	-	4 716 70
Assessor	420 00	-	420 00
Board of Review	167 35	-	167 35
Treasurer	6 219 32	-	6 219 32
Cemetery	150 00	-	150 00
Township Hall	3 183 92	-	3 183 92
Public safety:			
Fire protection	-	8 139 30	8 139 30
Planning and zoning	33 00	-	33 00
Emergency preparedness	628 10	-	628 10
Public works:			
Highways and streets	1 924 04	-	1 924 04
Street lighting	548 68	-	548 68
Other functions:			
Insurance	2 472 00	-	2 472 00
Total expenditures	<u>27 473 52</u>	<u>8 139 30</u>	<u>35 612 82</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	7 047 54	348 98	7 396 52
Fund balances, April 1	<u>88 743 16</u>	<u>8 139 30</u>	<u>96 882 46</u>
Fund Balances, March 31	<u>95 790 70</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>104 278 98</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
Year ended March 31, 2006

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES – TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS 7 396 52

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the Statement of Activities,
these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation

Depreciation Expense	(460 00)
Capital Outlay	<u>-</u>

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>6 936 52</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2006

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Sweetwater, Lake County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Sweetwater. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements, (the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. All the Township's government-wide activities are considered governmental activities.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function. Taxes, intergovernmental payments and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenue.

Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, restricted resources are applied first.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures relating to compensated absences, and claims and judgments are recorded only when payment is due.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2006

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Governmental Funds

General Fund

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

Special Revenue Fund

This fund is used to account for specific governmental revenues requiring separate accounting because of legal or regulatory provisions or administrative action.

Fiduciary Fund

The Current Tax Collection Fund is used to account for assets held as an agent for others.

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

Bank deposits and investments – Cash and cash equivalent investments include cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired. Investments are stated at fair value.

Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

Inventories

Inventories of supplies are considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

Property Taxes

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The 2005 tax roll millage rate was 1.8684 mills, and the taxable value was \$8,940,411.00.

Encumbrances

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Berrien County, Michigan
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2006

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Capital Assets

Capital assets are defined by the Township as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000.00 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated assets are reported at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Building	50 years
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Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay.

Post-employment Benefits

The Township provides no post-employment benefits to past employees.

Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

Accounting Change

Effective April 1, 2005, the Township implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Township's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing analysis of the Township's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.

Government-wide financial statements (Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities) prepared using the full accrual accounting for all the Township's activities have been provided.

Capital assets in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Assets include net assets totaling \$17,640.00.

Note 2 – Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2006

Note 2 – Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
4. The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
6. The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.
7. The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
9. The budgeted amounts shown in these financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated one bank for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

	<u>Carrying Amounts</u>
Total Deposits	<u>102,024.58</u>

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2006

Note 3 – Deposits and Investments (continued)

	<u>Bank Balances</u>
Insured (FDIC)	100 000 00
Uninsured and Uncollateralized	<u>2 646 80</u>
Total Deposits	<u>102 646 80</u>

The Township did not have any investments as of March 31, 2006.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity of the Township's Governmental activities for the current year was as follows:

	<u>Balance 4/1/05</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 3/31/06</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Land	2 000 00	-	-	2 000 00
Building	<u>23 000 00</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23 000 00</u>
Total	25 000 00	-	-	25 000 00
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6 900 00)</u>	<u>(460 00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7 360 00)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>18 100 00</u>	<u>(460 00)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17 640 00</u>

Note 5 – Pension Plan

The Township does not have a pension plan.

Note 6 – Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township does not have a deferred compensation plan.

Note 7 – Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Note 8 – Building Permits

The Township does not issue building permits. Building permits are issued by Lake County.

TOWNSHIP OF SWEETWATER
Lake County, Michigan

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – GENERAL FUND
Year ended March 31, 2006

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	8 100 00	8 100 00	8 248 19	148 19
Other taxes	3 000 00	3 000 00	3 837 66	837 66
State revenue sharing	18 000 00	18 000 00	17 267 35	(732 65)
Charges for services - PTAF	2 700 00	2 700 00	2 610 66	(89 34)
Interest	2 100 00	2 100 00	2 131 82	31 82
Miscellaneous	600 00	600 00	425 38	(174 62)
Total revenues	34 500 00	34 500 00	34 521 06	21 06
Expenditures:				
Legislative:				
Township Board	3 500 00	3 500 00	2 069 42	(1 430 58)
General government:				
Supervisor	5 300 00	5 300 00	4 918 99	(381 01)
Elections	900 00	900 00	22 00	(878 00)
Clerk	5 300 00	5 300 00	4 716 70	(583 30)
Assessor	6 500 00	6 500 00	420 00	(6 080 00)
Board of Review	900 00	900 00	167 35	(732 65)
Treasurer	7 900 00	7 900 00	6 219 32	(1 680 68)
Cemetery	500 00	471 90	150 00	(321 90)
Township Hall	4 900 00	4 900 00	3 183 92	(1 716 08)
Public safety:				
Planning and zoning	1 000 00	1 000 00	33 00	(967 00)
Emergency preparedness	600 00	628 10	628 10	-
Public works:				
Highways and streets	2 400 00	2 400 00	1 924 04	(475 96)
Street lighting	700 00	700 00	548 68	(151 32)
Other functions:				
Insurance	2 800 00	2 800 00	2 472 00	(328 00)
Total expenditures	43 200 00	43 200 00	27 473 52	(15 726 48)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8 700 00)	(8 700 00)	7 047 54	15 747 54
Fund balance, April 1	8 700 00	8 700 00	88 743 16	80 043 16
Fund Balance, March 31	-	-	95 790 70	95 790 70

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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE – FIRE FUND
Year ended March 31, 2006

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
Revenues:				
Property taxes	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>188 28</u>
Total revenues	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>188 28</u>
Expenditures:				
Public safety:				
Fire protection	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 139 30</u>	<u>(160 70)</u>
Total expenditures	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 300 00</u>	<u>8 139 30</u>	<u>(160 70)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	348 98	348 98
Fund balance, April 1	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8 139 30</u>	<u>8 139 30</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>	<u>8 488 28</u>

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CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
Year ended March 31, 2006

	<u>Balance</u> <u>4/1/05</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>3/31/06</u>
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in Bank	<u>20 37</u>	<u>237 994 32</u>	<u>238 014 69</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Due to other funds	20 37	17 350 60	17 370 97	-
Due to others	<u>-</u>	<u>220 643 72</u>	<u>220 643 72</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>20 37</u>	<u>237 994 32</u>	<u>238 014 69</u>	<u>-</u>

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AUDIT COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

June 29, 2006

To the Township Board
Township of Sweetwater
Lake County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Sweetwater for the year ended March 31, 2006. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Sweetwater in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

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In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which was required to be implemented for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2006. The implementation of this pronouncement for the Township of Sweetwater began with the year ended March 31, 2006. The daily operations and recording transactions did not change significantly, however, the Township is required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2006.

To the Township Board
Township of Sweetwater
Lake County, Michigan

SUMMARY

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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